

2 Men Suffer Severe Burns

Jolietan Hurt at Arsenal 'Acid Spill'

Two men who were hospitalized, Wednesday, from burns suffered in industrial accidents, were reported in improved condition, Thursday.

Ira C. Moore, 39, of 21 W. Jefferson St., suffered first and second degree burns on the face and chest in an "acid spill" at the Kankakee unit of Joliet Arsenal. The accident occurred about 6:10 p.m. when Moore was unloading a tank car. He was reported in fairly good condition, Thursday noon, by attendants at Silver Cross hospital, where he was taken in the Arsenal ambulance.

MARIO FOCARETA, 30, of 2303 Halsted St., Chicago Heights, suffered first and second degree burns to the arms and face when a steam cleaner blew up at the Material Service Corporation, Lockport township, where Focareta is employed. His condition was reported as fairly good by attendants at St. Joseph's hospital.

Another employe of the Material Service Co., who rushed Focareta to the hospital, was released after emergency treatment for first degree burns to the right side of his face. He is Arnold Becker, 30, of 1519 S. Chicago St. The accident occurred shortly before 10 a.m., Wednesday.

IN THE Joliet Arsenal mishap Moore was working alone, opening a vent on an acid tank car. Officials at the Kankakee unit, operated by U.S. Rubber Co., said that from the initial investigation it appears that the apparent cause of the spill was hydrostatic pressure, which developed within the car due to overfilling of the car.

Moore has been employed at the Kankakee unit since April 10 of this year.

RECENTLY another employe at the U.S. Rubber Co. operated unit died as a result of burns suffered in an acid spill. The inquest into that accident is pending.